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Monthly Gas Utility Statistical Report

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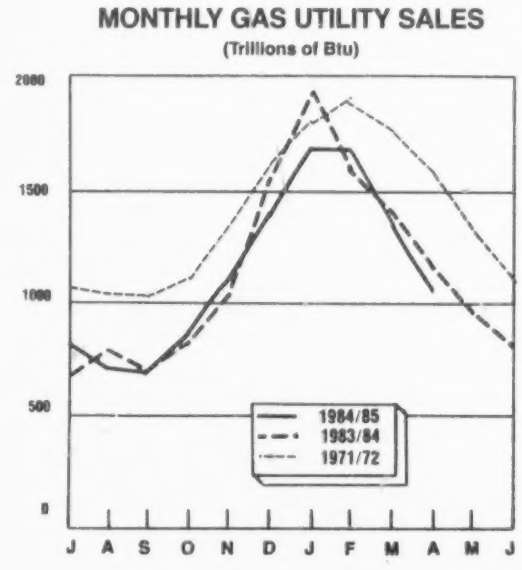
Residential, commercial, and industrial sales decreased in April of 1985 compared to last year. Total utility sales were down from 1181.8 trillion Btu in April 1984 to 1072.7 trillion Btu in April 1985.

GAS UTILITY VOLUMES TO ULTIMATE CONSUMERS (Trillions of Btu)

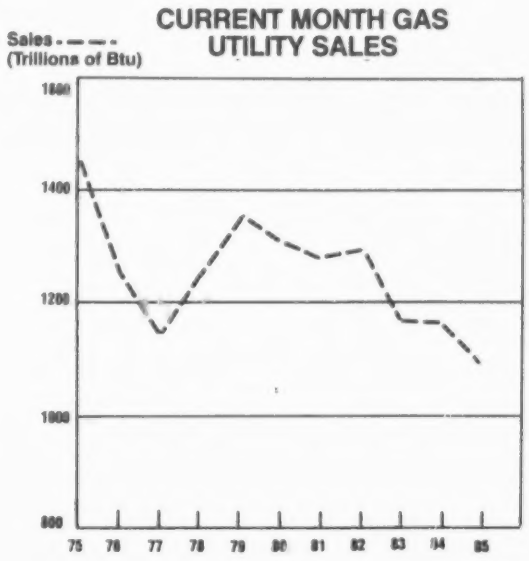
	March			Year to Date		January 1 to December 31		
					(% Change	1985		%
	1985	1984	% Change[1]	1985	Last Period	Forecast	1984[P]	Change
Residential	385.7	447.4	- 13.8	2,547.2	- 3.2	4,568.1	4,612.1	- 1.0
Commercial	189.7	221.5	- 14.4	1,211.3	- 3.7	2,358.5	2,362.9	- 0.2
Industrial	485.3	499.2	- 2.8	2,173.3	+ 0.3	6,329.2	6,323.3	+ 0.1
Other	12.0	13.7	-	69.7	-	146.0	147.8	-
Total Sales	1072.7	1181.8	- 9.2	6,001.5	- 2.1	13,401.8	13,446.1	- 0.3
Transportation	140.4	82.3	+ 70.6	545.3	+ 73.4	N/A	N/A	
Total Volumes	1213.1	1264.1	- 4.0	6,546.8	+ 1.6	N/A	N/A	
Degree Days*	275	384	- 28.4	2,784	- 0.8			

*Source: (NOAA - Weighted by Gas Homeheating Customers - Normal for April is 352.)

Gas volumes are based on a sample of 69 companies whose sales constitute about 65 percent of the total gas utility sales to ultimate consumers.



The peak year in sales for the Gas Utility Industry occurred in 1972.



RESIDENTIAL APPLIANCE SHIPMENTS - APRIL
(Thousands of Units)

	1985	1984	% Change '84 vs '85
Domestic Range			
Gas	125.4	136.0	- 7.8
Electric	251.3	237.6	+ 5.8
Clothes Dryers			
Gas	61.0	46.5	+ 31.2
Electric	225.2	203.2	+ 10.8
Warm Air Furnaces			
Gas	112.4	115.9	- 3.0
Electric	29.0	31.8	- 8.8
Oil	6.1	7.1	- 14.1
Boilers			
Gas	9.1	8.3	+ 9.6
Electric	0.2	0.3	- 33.3
Oil	5.4	5.1	+ 5.9

Sources: Gas Appliance Manufacturers Association (GAMA)

ECONOMIC INDICATORS - APRIL

	1985	1984	% Change '84 vs '85
Total Actual Private Housing Starts (Thous. of units)	175.4	172.7	+ 1.6
Consumer Price Index (All urban, unadjusted, 1967 = 100)			
Gas (utility pipe gas)	578.2	573.2	+ 0.9
Electricity	355.7	338.9	+ 5.0
Fuel Oil	630.1	660.9	- 4.7

Sources: Department of Commerce, Bureau of Labor Statistics

Index Total Gas Sales (1972 = 100)	69.5	76.6	- 9.3
Gas Utility Prices ($/MMBtu)			
Residential	5.90	5.74	+ 2.8
Commercial	5.67	5.45	+ 4.0
Industrial	4.30	4.30	+ 0.0
Total	5.12	5.06	+ 1.2
Carriage Volumes[3] (trillions of Btu)			
To Ultimate Consumers	140.4	82.3	+ 70.6
For Ultimate Consumers	42.6	30.1	+ 41.5
For Resale	205.9	191.7	+ 7.4
Total	388.9	304.1	+ 27.9

Source: A.G.A.

AVERAGE GAS UTILITY PRICES FOR THE 12 MONTH PERIOD ENDING
($/MMBtu)

Year	Month	Total	Res.	Comm.	Ind.	Oth.
1978	Dec.	2.184	2.534	2.279	1.895	1.788
1979	Dec.	2.522	2.918	2.665	2.231	1.937
1980	Dec.	3.134	3.612	3.336	2.792	2.667
1981	Dec.	3.650	4.161	3.909	3.292	3.458
1982	Dec.	4.456	4.969	4.721	4.003	4.303
1983	Dec.	5.120	5.881	5.508	4.408	4.914
1984	Apr.P	5.081	5.850	5.486	4.339	4.841
	May P	5.073	5.851	5.483	4.328	4.820
	Jun.P	5.067	5.856	5.484	4.317	4.814
	Jul.P	5.052	5.859	5.486	4.305	4.810
	Aug.P	5.050	5.859	5.484	4.301	4.803
	Sep.P	5.049	5.861	5.485	4.296	4.781
	Oct.P	5.052	5.863	5.487	4.291	4.765
	Nov.P	5.051	5.862	5.486	4.293	4.747
	Dec.P	5.054	5.880	5.500	4.293	4.758
1985	Jan.P	5.057	5.915	5.517	4.285	4.746
	Feb.P	5.058	5.901	5.507	4.281	4.723
	Mar.P	5.058	5.918	5.513	4.275	4.693
	Apr.P	5.062	5.933	5.533	4.275	4.649

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AVERAGE MONTHLY GAS UTILITY PRICES
($/MMBtu)

Year	Month	Total	Res.	Comm.	Ind.
1983	Apr.	5.17	5.73	5.50	4.46
	May	5.16	6.11	5.61	4.44
	Jun.	5.07	6.48	5.71	4.40
	Jul.	4.94	6.73	5.62	4.33
	Aug.	4.89	6.87	5.53	4.33
	Sep.	4.94	6.79	5.54	4.36
	Oct.	5.04	6.41	5.53	4.36
	Nov.	5.17	6.01	5.54	4.40
	Dec.	5.18	5.70	5.49	4.35
1984	Jan.P	5.13	5.54	5.41	4.32
	Feb.P	5.07	5.60	5.39	4.24
	Mar.P	5.10	5.66	5.46	4.28
	Apr.P	5.06	5.74	5.45	4.30
	May P	5.05	6.13	5.57	4.30
	Jun.P	4.96	6.67	5.76	4.26
	Jul.P	4.78	6.86	5.68	4.19
	Aug.P	4.86	6.90	5.48	4.28
	Sep.P	4.92	6.85	5.58	4.30
	Oct.P	4.99	6.43	5.55	4.30
	Nov.P	5.14	6.00	5.53	4.41
	Dec.P	5.23	5.82	5.61	4.35
1985	Jan.P	5.16	5.70	5.51	4.23
	Feb.P	5.08	5.57	5.34	4.20
	Mar.P	5.10	5.77	5.51	4.21
	Apr.P	5.12	5.90	5.67	4.30

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[1]The percent change is a function of the 69 sample companies.

[2]1984 forecasts for the residential and commercial sectors are based on available 1984 monthly data. The remaining months are derived by using a four year average. The industrial sector forecast is also based on available 1984 monthly data. The remaining months of 1984 are heavily weighted by last years sales with no adjustment made for degree days.

[3]Carriage volumes determined by using a simple straight expansion of sample data to represent the total gas utility industry. Carriage volumes for ultimate consumers are volumes delivered to another transporter, not the ultimate consumer, and are therefore broken out to eliminate double counting of volumes delivered to ultimate consumers.